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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450 . . - - -

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests a 3-month extension of time within which to file a response to the Office Action dated September 23, 2003, to expire March 23, 2004. A check in the amount of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the fee for a 3-month extension.

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